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SUBJ: ECEVIT COMMENTS ON ECONOMIC TOPICS ON RETURN FROM WASHINGTON

1. BRIEF COMMENTS BY PM ON HIS RETURN FROM TWO WEEK TRIP TO BRUSSELS, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON REPORTED BY PRESS JUNE 7 WERE UPBEAT, IF ANODYNE AND LACKING IN SPECIFICS.
2. CONCERNING CONTACTS AT OUTSET OF TRIP WITH EEC IN BRUSSELS, PM REMARKED HE WAS PLEASED TO OBSERVE THAT TURKEY'S APPROACH TO LONG-STANDING PROBLEMS WITH COMMUNITY HAD BEEN "REALISTICALLY RECEIVED". ECEVIT SAID HE CAME AWAY WITH OPINION THAT TURKEY WOULD BE ABLE TO PLACE ITS RELATIONS WITH EEC ON A BETTER FOOTING SHORTLY, INCLUDING OBTAINING CREDITS FROM THE EEC.
3. PM OF COURSE COMMENTED AT GREATER LENGTH RE VISIT TO U.S. HE SAID THAT IN NEW YORK HE HAD BEEN SOUGHT OUT BY LARGE BANKS AND BUSINESS FIRMS, AND REPORTED THAT HE HAD USEFUL TALKS CONCERNING TURKEY'S DESIRE TO BROADEN ITS RANGE OF ECONOMIC CONTACTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE ALSO DISCUSSED

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DEFERMENT OF OUTSTANDING TURKISH DEBTS, A "SERIOUS BOTTLENECK" FOR TURKEY'S ECONOMY. HE SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION BIG BANKS WER PREPARED TO GRANT LARGE SCALE DEFERMENTS OF TURKEY'S DEBT AND TO EXTEND NEW CREDITS. THESE DISCUSSIONS SUPPORTED HIS OWN CONTINUING BELIEF THAT IF TURKEY WOULD EFFECTIVELY MAKE USE OF ITS OWN RESOURCES AS WELL AS THOSE AVAILABLE TO IT IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, IT COULD SURMOUNT EVERY

OBSTACLE.

4. PM ALSO DISCUSSED EMBARGO ISSUE IN ECONOMIC CONTEXT. HE SAID THAT DURING MEETINGS WITH U.S. AND NATO OFFICIALS HE HAD ARGUED THAT TURKEY'S PROBLEMS COULD NOT BE SOLVED SIMPLY BY LIFTING THE EMBARGO; IT WOULD ALSO BE NECESSARY TO TAKE MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN TURKEY'S ECONOMY. THIS ARGUMENT, HE SAID, WAS MET WITH "FULL UNDERSTANDING". HE REPORTED THAT TURKEY'S ALLIES ALSO "SHOWED GREAT INTEREST" IN HIS STATEMENTS TO EFFECT THAT, WHILE TURKEY WAS ATTEMPTING TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A NEW NATIONAL SECURITY CONCEPT, IT WAS DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO MAKE ITS ECONOMY STRONGER.

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